

# Relative Singularity Categories <sup>\*†</sup>

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## Abstract

We study the properties of the relative derived category  $D_{\mathcal{C}}^b(\mathcal{A})$  of an abelian category  $\mathcal{A}$  relative to a full and additive subcategory  $\mathcal{C}$ . In particular, when  $\mathcal{A} = A\text{-mod}$  for a finite-dimensional algebra  $A$  over a field and  $\mathcal{C}$  is a contravariantly finite subcategory of  $A\text{-mod}$  which is admissible and closed under direct summands, the  $\mathcal{C}$ -singularity category  $D_{\mathcal{C}\text{-}sg}(\mathcal{A}) = D_{\mathcal{C}}^b(\mathcal{A})/K^b(\mathcal{C})$  is studied. We give a sufficient condition when this category is triangulated equivalent to the stable category of the Gorenstein category  $\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{C})$  of  $\mathcal{C}$ .

## 1. Introduction

Let  $A$  be a finite-dimensional algebra over a field. We denote by  $A\text{-mod}$  the category of finitely generated left  $A$ -modules, and  $A\text{-proj}$  (resp.  $A\text{-inj}$ ) the full subcategory of  $A\text{-mod}$  consisting of projective (resp. injective) modules. We use  $K^b(A)$  and  $D^b(A)$  to denote the bounded homotopy and derived categories of  $A\text{-mod}$  respectively, and  $K^b(A\text{-proj})$  (resp.  $K^b(A\text{-inj})$ ) to denote the bounded homotopy category of  $A\text{-proj}$  (resp.  $A\text{-inj}$ ).

The composition functor  $K^b(A\text{-proj}) \rightarrow K^b(A) \rightarrow D^b(A)$  with the former functor the inclusion functor and the latter one the quotient functor is naturally a fully faithful triangle functor, and then one can view  $K^b(A\text{-proj})$  as a triangulated subcategory of  $D^b(A)$ . In fact it is a thick one by [Bu, Lemma 1.2.1]. Consider the quotient triangulated category  $D_{sg}(A) := D^b(A)/K^b(A\text{-proj})$ , which is the so-called “singularity category”. This category was first introduced and studied by Buchweitz in [Bu] where  $A$  is assumed to be a left and right noetherian ring. Later on Rickard proved in [R] that for a self-injective algebra  $A$ , this category is triangle-equivalent to the stable category of  $A\text{-mod}$ . This result was generalized to Gorenstein algebra by Happel in [H2]. Since  $A$  has finite global dimension if and only if  $D_{sg}(A) = 0$ , from this viewpoint  $D_{sg}(A)$  measures the homological singularity of the algebra  $A$ , we call it the singularity category after [O].

Besides, other quotient triangulated categories have been studied by many authors. Beligiannis considered the quotient triangulated categories  $D^b(R\text{-Mod})/K^b(R\text{-Proj})$  and  $D^b(R\text{-Mod})/K^b(R\text{-Inj})$  for arbitrary ring  $R$ , where  $R\text{-Mod}$  is the category of left  $R$ -modules and  $R\text{-Proj}$  (resp.  $R\text{-Inj}$ ) is the full subcategory of  $R\text{-Mod}$  consisting of projective (resp. injective) modules (see [Be]). Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be an abelian category. A full and additive subcategory  $\omega$  of  $\mathcal{A}$  is called *self-orthogonal* if  $\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}}^i(M, N) = 0$

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for any  $M, N \in \omega$  and  $i \geq 1$ ; in particular, an object  $T$  in  $\mathcal{A}$  is called *self-orthogonal* if  $\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}}^i(T, T) = 0$  for any  $i \geq 1$ . Chen and Zhang studied in [CZ] the quotient triangulated category  $D^b(A)/K^b(\text{add}_A T)$  for a finite-dimensional algebra  $A$  and a self-orthogonal module  $T$  in  $A\text{-mod}$ , where  $\text{add}_A T$  is the full subcategory of  $A\text{-mod}$  consisting of direct summands of finite direct sums of  $T$ . Recently Chen studied in [C2] the relative singularity category  $D_{\omega}(\mathcal{A}) := D^b(\mathcal{A})/K^b(\omega)$  for an arbitrary abelian category  $\mathcal{A}$  and an arbitrary self-orthogonal, full and additive subcategory  $\omega$  of  $\mathcal{A}$ .

For an abelian category  $\mathcal{A}$  with enough projective objects, the Gorenstein derived category  $D_{gp}^*(\mathcal{A})$  of  $\mathcal{A}$  was introduced by Gao and Zhang in [GZ], where  $*$   $\in$  {blank,  $-$ ,  $b$ }. It can be viewed as a generalization of the usual derived category  $D^*(\mathcal{A})$  by using Gorenstein projective objects instead of projective objects and  $\mathcal{GP}$ -quasi-isomorphisms instead of quasi-isomorphisms, where  $\mathcal{GP}$  means “Gorenstein projective”. For Gorenstein projective modules and Gorenstein projective objects, we refer to [AuB], [EJ1], [EJ2], [Ho] and [SSW]. Asadollahi, Hafezi and Vahed studied in [AHV] the relative derived category  $D_{\mathcal{C}}^*(\mathcal{A})$  for an arbitrary abelian category  $\mathcal{A}$  with respect to a contravariantly finite subcategory  $\mathcal{C}$ , where  $*$   $\in$  {blank,  $-$ ,  $b$ }, and they pointed out that  $K^b(\mathcal{C})$  can be viewed as a triangulated subcategory of  $D_{\mathcal{C}}^b(\mathcal{A})$ .

Given a finite-dimensional algebra  $A$  over a field and a full and additive subcategory  $\mathcal{C}$  of  $\mathcal{A}$  ( $= A\text{-mod}$ ) closed under direct summands, it follows from [BD] that  $K^b(\mathcal{C})$  is a Krull-Schmidt category and hence can be viewed as a thick triangulated subcategory of  $D_{\mathcal{C}}^b(\mathcal{A})$ . If the quotient triangulated category  $D_{\mathcal{C}\text{-}sg}(\mathcal{A}) := D_{\mathcal{C}}^b(\mathcal{A})/K^b(\mathcal{C})$  is considered, then it is natural to ask whether  $D_{\mathcal{C}\text{-}sg}(\mathcal{A})$  shares some nice properties of  $D_{sg}(A)$ . The aim of this paper is to study this question.

In Section 2, we give some terminology and some preliminary results.

In Section 3, for an abelian category  $\mathcal{A}$  and a full and additive subcategory  $\mathcal{C}$  of  $\mathcal{A}$ , we prove that if  $\mathcal{C}$  is admissible, then the composition functor  $\mathcal{A} \rightarrow K^b(\mathcal{A}) \rightarrow D_{\mathcal{C}}^b(\mathcal{A})$  is fully faithful, where the former functor is the inclusion functor and the latter one is the quotient functor. Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a contravariantly finite subcategory of  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{D} \subseteq \mathcal{A}$  a subclass of  $\mathcal{A}$ . We introduce a dimension denoted by  $\mathcal{C}\mathcal{D}\text{-dim } M$  which is called the  *$\mathcal{C}$ -proper  $\mathcal{D}$ -dimension* of an object  $M$  in  $\mathcal{A}$ . By choosing a left  $\mathcal{C}$ -resolution  $C_M^\bullet$  of  $M$ , we get a functor  $\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{C}}^n(M, -) := H^n \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(C_M^\bullet, -)$  for any  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Then by using the properties of this functor we obtain some equivalent characterizations for  $\mathcal{C}\mathcal{C}\text{-dim } M$  being finite.

In Section 4, we introduce the  $\mathcal{C}$ -singularity category  $D_{\mathcal{C}\text{-}sg}(\mathcal{A}) := D_{\mathcal{C}}^b(\mathcal{A})/K^b(\mathcal{C})$ , where  $\mathcal{A} = A\text{-mod}$  and  $\mathcal{C}$  is a contravariantly finite, full and additive subcategory of  $\mathcal{A}$  which is admissible and closed under direct summands. We prove that if  $\mathcal{C}\mathcal{C}\text{-dim } \mathcal{A} < \infty$ , then  $D_{\mathcal{C}\text{-}sg}(\mathcal{A}) = 0$ . As a consequence, we get that if  $A$  is of finite representation type, then  $\mathcal{C}\mathcal{C}\text{-dim } \mathcal{A} < \infty$  if and only if  $D_{\mathcal{C}\text{-}sg}(\mathcal{A}) = 0$ . Let  $\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{C})$  be the Gorenstein category of  $\mathcal{C}$  and  $\varepsilon$  the collection of all  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathcal{C}, -)$ -exact complexes of the form:  $0 \rightarrow L \rightarrow M \rightarrow N \rightarrow 0$  with  $L, M, N \in \mathcal{G}(\mathcal{C})$ . By [Bü] (or [Q])  $(\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{C}), \varepsilon)$  is an exact category; moreover, it is a Frobenius category with  $\mathcal{C}$  the subcategory of projective-injective objects, see [H1]. We prove that if  $\mathcal{C}\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{C})\text{-dim } \mathcal{A} < \infty$ , then the natural functor  $\theta : \mathcal{G}(\mathcal{C}) \rightarrow D_{\mathcal{C}\text{-}sg}(\mathcal{A})$  induces a triangle-equivalence  $\theta' : \underline{\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{C})} \rightarrow D_{\mathcal{C}\text{-}sg}(\mathcal{A})$ , where  $\underline{\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{C})}$  is the stable category of  $\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{C})$ .

## 2. Preliminaries

Throughout this paper,  $\mathcal{A}$  is an abelian category,  $C(\mathcal{A})$  is the category of complexes of objects in  $\mathcal{A}$ ,  $K^*(\mathcal{A})$  is the homotopy category of  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $D^*(\mathcal{A})$  is the usual derived category by inverting the quasi-isomorphisms in  $K^*(\mathcal{A})$ , where  $*$   $\in$  {blank,  $-$ ,  $b$ }. We will use the formula  $\text{Hom}_{K(\mathcal{A})}(X^\bullet, Y^\bullet[n]) = H^n \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(X^\bullet, Y^\bullet)$  for any  $X^\bullet, Y^\bullet \in C(\mathcal{A})$  and  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  (the ring of integers).

Let

$$X^\bullet := \dots \longrightarrow X^{n-1} \xrightarrow{d_X^{n-1}} X^n \xrightarrow{d_X^n} X^{n+1} \longrightarrow \dots$$

be a complex and  $f : X^\bullet \rightarrow Y^\bullet$  a cochain map in  $C(\mathcal{A})$ . Recall that  $X^\bullet$  is called *acyclic* (or *exact*) if  $H^i(X^\bullet) = 0$  for any  $i \in \mathbb{Z}$ , and  $f$  is called a *quasi-isomorphism* if  $H^i(f)$  is an isomorphism for any  $i \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

From now on, we fix a full and additive subcategory  $\mathcal{C}$  of  $\mathcal{A}$ .

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $X^\bullet, Y^\bullet$  and  $f$  be as above.

(1) ([EJ2])  $X^\bullet$  in  $C(\mathcal{A})$  is called  $\mathcal{C}$ -*acyclic* or  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathcal{C}, -)$ -*exact* if the complex  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(C, X^\bullet)$  is acyclic for any  $C \in \mathcal{C}$ . Dually, a  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(-, \mathcal{C})$ -*exact complex* is defined.

(2)  $f$  is called a  $\mathcal{C}$ -*quasi-isomorphism* if the cochain map  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(C, f)$  is a quasi-isomorphism for any  $C \in \mathcal{C}$ .

**Remark 2.2.** (1) We use  $\text{Con}(f)$  to denote the mapping cone of  $f : X^\bullet \rightarrow Y^\bullet$ . It is well known that  $f$  is a quasi-isomorphism if and only if  $\text{Con}(f)$  is acyclic; analogously,  $f$  is a  $\mathcal{C}$ -quasi-isomorphism if and only if  $\text{Con}(f)$  is  $\mathcal{C}$ -acyclic.

(2) We use  $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{A})$  to denote the full subcategory of  $\mathcal{A}$  consisting of projective objects. If  $\mathcal{A}$  has enough projective objects, then every quasi-isomorphism is a  $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{A})$ -quasi-isomorphism; and if  $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{A}) \subseteq \mathcal{C}$ , then every  $\mathcal{C}$ -quasi-isomorphism is a quasi-isomorphism.

We use  $K_{ac}^*(\mathcal{A})$  (resp.  $K_{\mathcal{C}-ac}^*(\mathcal{A})$ ) to denote the full subcategory of  $K^*(\mathcal{A})$  consists of acyclic complexes (resp.  $\mathcal{C}$ -acyclic complexes).

**Lemma 2.3.** Let  $X^\bullet$  be a complex in  $C(\mathcal{A})$ . Then  $X^\bullet$  is  $\mathcal{C}$ -acyclic if and only if the complex  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(C^\bullet, X^\bullet)$  is acyclic for any  $C^\bullet \in K^-(\mathcal{C})$ .

*Proof.* See [CFH, Lemma 2.4]. □

**Lemma 2.4.** (1) Let  $C^\bullet$  be a complex in  $K^-(\mathcal{C})$  and  $f : X^\bullet \rightarrow C^\bullet$  a  $\mathcal{C}$ -quasi-isomorphism in  $C(\mathcal{A})$ . Then there exists a cochain map  $g : C^\bullet \rightarrow X^\bullet$  such that  $fg$  is homotopic to  $\text{id}_{C^\bullet}$ .

(2) Any  $\mathcal{C}$ -quasi-isomorphism between two complexes in  $K^-(\mathcal{C})$  is a homotopy equivalence.

*Proof.* (1) Consider the distinguished triangle:

$$X^\bullet \xrightarrow{f} C^\bullet \rightarrow \text{Con}(f) \rightarrow X^\bullet[1]$$

in  $K(\mathcal{A})$  with  $\text{Con}(f)$   $\mathcal{C}$ -acyclic. By applying the functor  $\text{Hom}_{K(\mathcal{A})}(C^\bullet, -)$  to it, we get an exact sequence:

$$\text{Hom}_{K(\mathcal{A})}(C^\bullet, X^\bullet) \xrightarrow{\text{Hom}_{K(\mathcal{A})}(C^\bullet, f)} \text{Hom}_{K(\mathcal{A})}(C^\bullet, C^\bullet) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{K(\mathcal{A})}(C^\bullet, \text{Con}(f)).$$

It follows from Lemma 2.3 that  $\text{Hom}_{K(\mathcal{A})}(C^\bullet, \text{Con}(f)) \cong H^0 \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(C^\bullet, \text{Con}(f)) = 0$ . So there exists a cochain map  $g : C^\bullet \rightarrow X^\bullet$  such that  $fg$  is homotopic to  $\text{id}_{C^\bullet}$ .

(2) Let  $f : X^\bullet \rightarrow Y^\bullet$  be a  $\mathcal{C}$ -quasi-isomorphism with  $X^\bullet, Y^\bullet$  in  $K^-(\mathcal{C})$ . By (1), there exists a cochain map  $g : Y^\bullet \rightarrow X^\bullet$ , such that  $fg$  is homotopic to  $\text{id}_{Y^\bullet}$ . By (1) again, there exists a cochain map  $g' : X^\bullet \rightarrow Y^\bullet$ , such that  $gg'$  is homotopic to  $\text{id}_{X^\bullet}$ . Thus  $f = g'$  in  $K(\mathcal{A})$  is a homotopy equivalence.  $\square$

**Definition 2.5.** (1) ([AuR]) Let  $\mathcal{C} \subseteq \mathcal{D}$  be subcategories of  $\mathcal{A}$ . The morphism  $f : C \rightarrow D$  in  $\mathcal{A}$  with  $C \in \mathcal{C}$  and  $D \in \mathcal{D}$  is called a *right  $\mathcal{C}$ -approximation* of  $D$  if for any morphism  $g : C' \rightarrow D$  in  $\mathcal{A}$  with  $C' \in \mathcal{C}$ , there exists a morphism  $h : C' \rightarrow C$  such that the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & & C' \\ & \swarrow h & \downarrow g \\ C & \xrightarrow{f} & D \end{array}$$

If each object in  $\mathcal{D}$  has a right  $\mathcal{C}$ -approximation, then  $\mathcal{C}$  is called *contravariantly finite* in  $\mathcal{D}$ .

(2) ([C1]) A contravariantly finite subcategory  $\mathcal{C}$  of  $\mathcal{A}$  is called *admissible* if any right  $\mathcal{C}$ -approximation is epic. In this case, every  $\mathcal{C}$ -acyclic complex is acyclic.

The following definition is cited from [Bü], see also [Q] and [K].

**Definition 2.6.** Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be an additive category. A *kernel-cokernel pair*  $(i, p)$  in  $\mathcal{B}$  is a pair of composable morphisms  $L \xrightarrow{i} M \xrightarrow{p} N$  such that  $i$  is a kernel of  $p$  and  $p$  is a cokernel of  $i$ . If a class  $\varepsilon$  of kernel-cokernel pairs on  $\mathcal{B}$  is fixed, an *admissible monic* (sometimes called *inflation*) is a morphism  $i$  for which there exists a morphism  $p$  such that  $(i, p) \in \varepsilon$ . *Admissible epics* (sometimes called *deflations*) are defined dually.

An *exact category* is a pair  $(\mathcal{B}, \varepsilon)$  consisting of an additive category  $\mathcal{B}$  and a class of kernel-cokernel pairs  $\varepsilon$  on  $\mathcal{B}$  with  $\varepsilon$  closed under isomorphisms satisfying the following axioms:

[E0] For any object  $B$  in  $\mathcal{B}$ , the identity morphism  $\text{id}_B$  is both an admissible monic and an admissible epic.

[E1] The class of admissible monics is closed under compositions.

[E1<sup>op</sup>] The class of admissible epics is closed under compositions.

[E2] The push-out of an admissible monic along an arbitrary morphism exists and yields an admissible monic.

[E2<sup>op</sup>] The pull-back of an admissible epic along an arbitrary morphism exists and yields an admissible epic.

Elements of  $\varepsilon$  are called *short exact sequences* (or *conflations*).

Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be a triangulated subcategory of a triangulated category  $\mathcal{K}$  and  $S$  the compatible multiplicative system determined by  $\mathcal{B}$ . In the Verdier quotient category  $\mathcal{K}/\mathcal{B}$ , each morphism  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is given by an equivalence class of right fractions  $f/s$  or left fractions  $s \backslash f$  as presented by  $X \xleftarrow{s} Z \xrightarrow{f} Y$  or  $X \xrightarrow{f} Z \xleftarrow{s} Y$ , where the doubled arrow means  $s \in S$ .

### 3. $\mathcal{C}$ -derived categories

For a subclass  $\mathcal{C}$  of objects in a triangulated category  $\mathcal{K}$ , it is known that the full subcategory  $\mathcal{C}^\perp = \{X \in \mathcal{K} \mid \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{K}}(C[n], X) = 0 \text{ for any } C \in \mathcal{C} \text{ and } n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  is a triangulated subcategory of  $\mathcal{K}$  and is closed under direct summands, and hence is thick ([R]). It follows that  $K_{\mathcal{C}\text{-ac}}^*(\mathcal{A})$  is a thick subcategory of  $K^*(\mathcal{A})$ .

**Definition 3.1.** ([V]) The Verdier quotient category  $D_{\mathcal{C}}^*(\mathcal{A}) := K^*(\mathcal{A})/K_{\mathcal{C}\text{-ac}}^*(\mathcal{A})$  is called the  $\mathcal{C}$ -derived category of  $\mathcal{A}$ , where  $*$   $\in$  {blank,  $-$ ,  $b$ }.

**Example 3.2.** (1) If  $\mathcal{A}$  has enough projective objects and  $\mathcal{C} = \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{A})$ , then  $D_{\mathcal{C}}^*(\mathcal{A})$  is the usual derived category  $D^*(\mathcal{A})$ .

(2) If  $\mathcal{A}$  has enough projective objects and  $\mathcal{C} = \mathcal{G}(\mathcal{A})$  (the full subcategory of  $\mathcal{A}$  consisting of Gorenstein projective objects), then  $D_{\mathcal{C}}^*(\mathcal{A})$  is the Gorenstein derived category  $D_{gp}^*(\mathcal{A})$  defined in [GZ].

(3) Let  $R$  be a ring and  $\mathcal{A} = R\text{-Mod}$ . If  $\mathcal{C} = \mathcal{PP}(R)$  (the full subcategory of  $R\text{-Mod}$  consisting of pure projective modules), then  $D_{\mathcal{C}}^*(\mathcal{A})$  is the pure derived category  $D_{pur}^*(\mathcal{A})$  in [ZH].

**Proposition 3.3.** ([AHV]) (1)  $D_{\mathcal{C}}^-(\mathcal{A})$  is a triangulated subcategory of  $D_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathcal{A})$ , and  $D_{\mathcal{C}}^b(\mathcal{A})$  is a triangulated subcategory of  $D_{\mathcal{C}}^-(\mathcal{A})$ .

(2) For any  $C^\bullet \in K^-(\mathcal{C})$  and  $X^\bullet \in C(\mathcal{A})$ , there exists an isomorphism of abelian groups:

$$\text{Hom}_{K(\mathcal{A})}(C^\bullet, X^\bullet) \cong \text{Hom}_{D_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathcal{A})}(C^\bullet, X^\bullet).$$

(3) Let  $\mathcal{C} \subseteq \mathcal{A}$  be admissible. Then the composition functor  $\mathcal{A} \rightarrow K^b(\mathcal{A}) \rightarrow D_{\mathcal{C}}^b(\mathcal{A})$  is fully faithful, where the former functor is the inclusion functor and the latter one is the quotient functor.

*Proof.* In the following, each morphism in  $D_{\mathcal{C}}^*(\mathcal{A})$  will be denoted by the equivalence class of right fractions, where  $*$   $\in$  {blank,  $-$ ,  $b$ }.

(1) We only prove the first assertion, the second one can be proved similarly.

Note that  $D_{\mathcal{C}}^-(\mathcal{A}) = K^-(\mathcal{A})/K^-(\mathcal{A}) \cap K_{\mathcal{C}\text{-ac}}(\mathcal{A})$  and  $D_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathcal{A}) = K(\mathcal{A})/K_{\mathcal{C}\text{-ac}}(\mathcal{A})$ . By [GM, Proposition 3.2.10], it suffices to show that for any  $\mathcal{C}$ -quasi-isomorphism  $s : Y^\bullet \rightarrow X^\bullet$  with  $X^\bullet \in K^-(\mathcal{A})$ , there exists a morphism  $f : Z^\bullet \rightarrow Y^\bullet$  with  $Z^\bullet \in K^-(\mathcal{A})$  such that  $sf$  is a  $\mathcal{C}$ -quasi-isomorphism.

Suppose  $X^n \neq 0$  with  $X^i = 0$  for any  $i > n$ . Then there exists a commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} Z^\bullet : & \cdots & \longrightarrow & Y^{n-1} & \longrightarrow & Y^n & \longrightarrow \text{Ker } d_Y^{n+1} \longrightarrow 0 \\ \downarrow f & & & \parallel & & \parallel & \downarrow \\ Y^\bullet : & \cdots & \longrightarrow & Y^{n-1} & \longrightarrow & Y^n & \longrightarrow Y^{n+1} \longrightarrow \cdots \\ \downarrow s & & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ X^\bullet : & \cdots & \longrightarrow & X^{n-1} & \longrightarrow & X^n & \longrightarrow 0 \longrightarrow \cdots, \end{array}$$

where  $\text{Ker } d_Y^{n+1} \rightarrow Y^{n+1}$  is the canonical map. Since both  $f$  and  $s$  are  $\mathcal{C}$ -quasi-isomorphisms, so is  $sf$ .

(2) Consider the canonical map  $G : \text{Hom}_{K(\mathcal{A})}(C^\bullet, X^\bullet) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{D_{\mathcal{C}}^b(\mathcal{A})}(C^\bullet, X^\bullet)$  defined by  $G(f) = f/\text{id}_{C^\bullet}$ . If  $G(f) = 0$ , then there exists a  $\mathcal{C}$ -quasi-isomorphism  $s : Z^\bullet \rightarrow C^\bullet$  such that  $fs \sim 0$ . By Lemma 2.4(1) there exists a cochain map  $g : C^\bullet \rightarrow Z^\bullet$  such that  $sg \sim \text{id}_{C^\bullet}$ , and then  $f \sim 0$ . On the other hand, let  $f/s \in \text{Hom}_{D_{\mathcal{C}}^b(\mathcal{A})}(C^\bullet, X^\bullet)$ , that is, it has a diagram of the form  $C^\bullet \xleftarrow{s} Z^\bullet \xrightarrow{f} X^\bullet$ , where  $s$  is a  $\mathcal{C}$ -quasi-isomorphism. It follows from Lemma 2.4(1) there exists a cochain map  $g : C^\bullet \rightarrow Z^\bullet$  such that  $sg \sim \text{id}_{C^\bullet}$ , which implies that  $f/s = (fg)/\text{id}_{C^\bullet} = G(fg)$ . Thus  $G$  is an isomorphism, as desired.

(3) Let  $F : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow D_{\mathcal{C}}^b(\mathcal{A})$  denote the composition functor, it suffices to show that for any  $M, N \in \mathcal{A}$ , the map  $F : \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(M, N) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{D_{\mathcal{C}}^b(\mathcal{A})}(M, N)$  is an isomorphism.

Let  $f \in \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(M, N)$ . If  $F(f) = 0$ , then there exists a  $\mathcal{C}$ -quasi-isomorphism  $s : Z^\bullet \rightarrow M$  such that  $fs \sim 0$ , and then  $H^0(f)H^0(s) = 0$ . Since  $H^0(s)$  is an isomorphism,  $f = H^0(f) = 0$ . On the other hand, let  $f/s \in \text{Hom}_{D_{\mathcal{C}}^b(\mathcal{A})}(M, N)$ , that is, it has a diagram of the form  $M \xleftarrow{s} Z^\bullet \xrightarrow{f} N$ , where  $s$  is a  $\mathcal{C}$ -quasi-isomorphism. Then  $H^0(s) : H^0(Z^\bullet) \rightarrow M$  is an isomorphism. Put  $g := H^0(f)H^0(s)^{-1} \in \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(M, N)$ . Consider the truncation:

$$U^\bullet := \cdots \rightarrow Z^{-2} \xrightarrow{d_Z^{-2}} Z^{-1} \xrightarrow{d_Z^{-1}} \text{Ker } d^0 \rightarrow 0$$

of  $Z^\bullet$  and the canonical map  $i : U^\bullet \rightarrow Z^\bullet$ . Since  $s$  is a  $\mathcal{C}$ -quasi-isomorphism, so is  $si$ . We have the following commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} U^\bullet & \xrightarrow{i} & Z^\bullet \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow s \\ H^0(Z^\bullet) & \xrightarrow{H^0(s)} & M, \end{array}$$

where  $U^\bullet \rightarrow H^0(Z^\bullet)$  is the canonical map, so  $gsi = H^0(f)H^0(s)^{-1}si = fi$ . Then we get the following commutative diagram of complexes:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & Z^\bullet & & \\ & \swarrow s & \uparrow i & \searrow f & \\ M & \xleftarrow{si} & U^\bullet & \xrightarrow{fi} & N \\ & \swarrow \text{id}_M & \downarrow si & \searrow g & \\ & & M, & & \end{array}$$

which implies  $F(g) = g/\text{id}_M = f/s$ . □

Set  $K^{-, \mathcal{C}^b}(\mathcal{C}) := \{X^\bullet \in K^-(\mathcal{C}) \mid \text{there exists } n \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ such that } H^i(\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(C, X^\bullet)) = 0 \text{ for any } C \in \mathcal{C} \text{ and } i \leq n\}$ .

**Proposition 3.4.** ([AHV, Theorem 3.3]) *If  $\mathcal{C}$  is a contravariantly finite subcategory of  $\mathcal{A}$ , then we have a triangle-equivalence  $K^{-, \mathcal{C}^b}(\mathcal{C}) \cong D_{\mathcal{C}}^b(\mathcal{A})$ .*

In the rest of this section, we always suppose that  $\mathcal{C}$  is a contravariantly finite subcategory of  $\mathcal{A}$  unless otherwise specified.

**Definition 3.5.** Let  $\mathcal{D}$  be a subclass of objects in  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $M \in \mathcal{A}$ .

(1) A  $\mathcal{C}$ -proper  $\mathcal{D}$ -resolution of  $M$  is a  $\mathcal{C}$ -quasi-isomorphism  $f : D^\bullet \rightarrow M$ , where  $D^\bullet$  is a complex of objects in  $\mathcal{D}$  with  $D^n = 0$  for any  $n > 0$ , that is, it has an associated  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathcal{C}, -)$ -exact complex  $\dots \rightarrow D^{-n} \rightarrow D^{-n+1} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow D^0 \xrightarrow{f} M \rightarrow 0$ .

(2) The  $\mathcal{C}$ -proper  $\mathcal{D}$ -dimension of  $M$ , written  $\mathcal{C}\mathcal{D}\text{-dim } M$ , is defined as  $\inf\{n \mid \text{there exists a } \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathcal{C}, -)\text{-exact complex } 0 \rightarrow D^{-n} \rightarrow D^{-n+1} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow D^0 \xrightarrow{f} M \rightarrow 0\}$ . If no such an integer exists, then set  $\mathcal{C}\mathcal{D}\text{-dim } M = \infty$ .

(3) For a class  $\mathcal{E}$  of objects of  $\mathcal{A}$ , the  $\mathcal{C}$ -proper  $\mathcal{D}$ -dimension of  $\mathcal{E}$ , written  $\mathcal{C}\mathcal{D}\text{-dim } \mathcal{E}$ , is defined as  $\sup\{\mathcal{C}\mathcal{D}\text{-dim } M \mid M \in \mathcal{E}\}$ .

**Remark 3.6.** (1) If  $\mathcal{A}$  has enough projective objects and  $\mathcal{C} = \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{A})$ , then a  $\mathcal{C}$ -proper  $\mathcal{D}$ -resolution is just a  $\mathcal{D}$ -resolution and the  $\mathcal{C}$ -proper  $\mathcal{D}$ -dimension of an object  $M \in \mathcal{A}$  is just the usual  $\mathcal{D}$ -dimension  $\mathcal{D}\text{-dim } M$  of  $M$ .

(2) If  $\mathcal{D} = \mathcal{C}$ , then a  $\mathcal{C}$ -proper  $\mathcal{D}$ -resolution is just a  $\mathcal{C}$ -proper resolution. In this case, it is also called a *left  $\mathcal{C}$ -resolution* and the  $\mathcal{C}$ -proper  $\mathcal{D}$ -dimension is the left  $\mathcal{C}$ -dimension (see [EJ2]).

Let  $M \in \mathcal{A}$ . Since  $\mathcal{C}$  is a contravariantly finite subcategory of  $\mathcal{A}$ , we may choose a left  $\mathcal{C}$ -resolution  $C_M^\bullet \rightarrow M$  of  $M$ . Put  $\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{C}}^n(M, N) := H^n \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(C_M^\bullet, N)$  for any  $N \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Note that  $C_M^\bullet$  is isomorphic to  $M$  in  $D_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathcal{A})$ . By Proposition 3.3(1)(2), we have  $\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{C}}^n(M, N) = H^n \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(C_M^\bullet, N) = \text{Hom}_{K(\mathcal{A})}(C_M^\bullet, N[n]) \cong \text{Hom}_{D_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathcal{A})}(C_M^\bullet, N[n]) \cong \text{Hom}_{D_{\mathcal{C}}^b(\mathcal{A})}(M, N[n])$ .

The following is cited from [EJ2, Chapter 8].

**Lemma 3.7.** (1) For any  $M \in \mathcal{A}$ , the functor  $\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{C}}^n(M, -)$  does not depend on the choices of left  $\mathcal{C}$ -resolutions of  $M$ .

(2) For any  $M \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $n < 0$ ,  $\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{C}}^n(M, -) = 0$  and there exists a natural equivalence  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(M, -) \cong \text{Ext}_{\mathcal{C}}^0(M, -)$  whenever  $\mathcal{C}$  is admissible.

(3) If  $\mathcal{C}$  is admissible, then every  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathcal{C}, -)$ -exact complex  $0 \rightarrow L \rightarrow M \rightarrow N \rightarrow 0$  induces a long exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(N, -) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(M, -) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(L, -) \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \text{Ext}_{\mathcal{C}}^n(N, -) \rightarrow \text{Ext}_{\mathcal{C}}^n(M, -) \rightarrow \text{Ext}_{\mathcal{C}}^n(L, -) \rightarrow \text{Ext}_{\mathcal{C}}^{n+1}(N, -) \rightarrow \dots$ .

**Theorem 3.8.** Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be admissible and closed under direct summands, then the following statements are equivalent for any  $M \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $n \geq 0$ .

(1)  $\mathcal{C}\mathcal{C}\text{-dim } M \leq n$ .

(2)  $\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{C}}^i(M, N) = 0$  for any  $N \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $i \geq n + 1$ .

(3)  $\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{C}}^{n+1}(M, N) = 0$  for any  $N \in \mathcal{A}$ .

(4) For any left  $\mathcal{C}$ -resolution  $C_M^\bullet \rightarrow M$  of  $M$ ,  $\text{Ker } d_{C_M^\bullet}^{-n+1} \in \mathcal{C}$ , where  $d_{C_M^\bullet}^{-n+1}$  is the  $(-n+1)$ st differential of  $C_M^\bullet$ .

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) Let  $0 \rightarrow C^{-n} \rightarrow C^{-n+1} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow C^0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$  be a left  $\mathcal{C}$ -resolution of  $M$ . Then  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(C^{-i}, N) = 0$  for any  $N \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $i \geq n + 1$  and the assertion follows.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) and (4)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) are trivial.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4) Let  $\cdots \rightarrow C_M^{-n} \xrightarrow{d_{C_M}^{-n}} C_M^{-n+1} \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow C_M^0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$  be a left  $\mathcal{C}$ -resolution of  $M$ . Then we get a  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathcal{C}, -)$ -exact exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow \text{Ker } d_{C_M}^{-n} \rightarrow C_M^{-n} \rightarrow \text{Ker } d_{C_M}^{-n+1} \rightarrow 0$ . Since  $\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{C}}^{n+1}(M, \text{Ker } d_{C_M}^{-n}) = 0$ ,  $\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{C}}^1(\text{Ker } d_{C_M}^{-n+1}, \text{Ker } d_{C_M}^{-n}) \cong \text{Ext}_{\mathcal{C}}^{n+1}(M, \text{Ker } d_{C_M}^{-n}) = 0$  by the dimension shifting. Applying  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(-, \text{Ker } d_{C_M}^{-n})$  to the exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow \text{Ker } d_{C_M}^{-n} \rightarrow C_M^{-n} \rightarrow \text{Ker } d_{C_M}^{-n+1} \rightarrow 0$ , it follows from Lemma 3.7(3) that the sequence splits. So  $\text{Ker } d_{C_M}^{-n+1}$  is a direct summand of  $C_M^{-n}$  and  $\text{Ker } d_{C_M}^{-n+1} \in \mathcal{C}$ .  $\square$

#### 4. $\mathcal{C}$ -singularity categories

In this section, unless otherwise specified, we always suppose that  $A$  is a finite-dimensional algebra over a field,  $\mathcal{A} = A\text{-mod}$  and  $\mathcal{C}$  is a full and additive subcategory of  $\mathcal{A}$  which is contravariantly finite in  $\mathcal{A}$  and is admissible and closed under direct summands.

Recall that an additive category is called a *Krull-Schmidt category* if each of its object  $X$  has a decomposition  $X \cong X_1 \oplus X_2 \oplus \cdots \oplus X_n$  such that each  $X_i$  is indecomposable with a local endomorphism ring. By [BD, Proposition A.2]  $K^b(\mathcal{C})$  is a Krull-Schmidt category, so it is closed under direct summands and  $K^b(\mathcal{C})$  viewed as a full triangulated subcategory of  $D_{\mathcal{C}}^b(\mathcal{A})$  is thick. It is of interest to consider the quotient triangulated category  $D_{\mathcal{C}}^b(\mathcal{A}) / K^b(\mathcal{C})$ .

**Definition 4.1.** We call  $D_{\mathcal{C}\text{-}sg}(\mathcal{A}) := D_{\mathcal{C}}^b(\mathcal{A}) / K^b(\mathcal{C})$  the  $\mathcal{C}$ -singularity category.

**Example 4.2.** (1) If  $\mathcal{C} = A\text{-proj}$ , then  $D_{\mathcal{C}}^b(\mathcal{A})$  is the usual bounded derived category  $D^b(\mathcal{A})$  and the  $\mathcal{C}$ -singularity category  $D_{\mathcal{C}\text{-}sg}(\mathcal{A})$  is the singularity category  $D_{sg}(A)$  which is called the “stabilized derived category” in [Bu].

(2) Let  $\mathcal{C} = \mathcal{G}(A)$  (the subcategory of  $A\text{-mod}$  consisting of Gorenstein projective modules). If  $\mathcal{G}(A)$  is contravariantly finite in  $A\text{-mod}$ , for example, if  $A$  is Gorenstein (that is, the left and right self-injective dimensions of  $A$  are finite) or  $\mathcal{G}(A)$  contains only finitely many non-isomorphic indecomposable modules, then the bounded  $\mathcal{C}$ -derived category of  $\mathcal{A}$ , denoted by  $D_{\mathcal{G}(A)}^b(\mathcal{A})$ , is the *bounded Gorenstein derived category* introduced in [GZ]. The  $\mathcal{C}$ -singularity category  $D_{\mathcal{G}(A)\text{-}sg}(\mathcal{A})$  is the quotient triangulated category  $D_{\mathcal{G}(A)}^b(\mathcal{A}) / K^b(\mathcal{G}(A))$ , we call it the *Gorenstein singularity category*.

Given a complex  $X^\bullet$  and an integer  $i \in \mathbb{Z}$ , we denote by  $\sigma^{\geq i} X^\bullet$  the complex with  $X^j$  in the  $j$ th degree whenever  $j \geq i$  and 0 elsewhere, and set  $\sigma^{>i} X^\bullet := \sigma^{\geq i+1} X^\bullet$ . Dually, for the notations  $\sigma^{\leq i} X^\bullet$  and  $\sigma^{<i} X^\bullet$ . Recall that the cardinal of the set  $\{X^i \neq 0 \mid i \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  is called the *width* of  $X^\bullet$ , and denoted by  $\omega(X^\bullet)$ .

It is well known that  $A$  has finite global dimension if and only if  $D_{sg}(A) = 0$ . For the  $\mathcal{C}$ -singularity category  $D_{\mathcal{C}\text{-}sg}(\mathcal{A})$  we have the following property.

**Proposition 4.3.** If  $\mathcal{C}\mathcal{C}\text{-dim } \mathcal{A} < \infty$ , then  $D_{\mathcal{C}\text{-}sg}(\mathcal{A}) = 0$ .

*Proof.* We claim that for every  $X^\bullet \in K^b(\mathcal{A})$  there exists a  $\mathcal{C}$ -quasi-isomorphism  $C_X^\bullet \rightarrow X^\bullet$  such that  $C_X^\bullet \in K^b(\mathcal{C})$ . We proceed by induction on the width  $\omega(X^\bullet)$  of  $X^\bullet$ .



Let  $\omega(X^\bullet)=1$ . Because  $\mathcal{C}$  is contravariantly finite and  $\mathcal{C}\mathcal{C}\text{-dim } \mathcal{A} < \infty$ , there exists a  $\mathcal{C}$ -quasi-isomorphism  $C_X^\bullet \rightarrow X^\bullet$  with  $C_X^\bullet \in K^b(\mathcal{C})$ .

Let  $\omega(X^\bullet) \geq 2$  with  $X^j \neq 0$  and  $X^i = 0$  for any  $i < j$ . Put  $X_1^\bullet := X^j[-j-1]$ ,  $X_2^\bullet := \sigma^{>j} X^\bullet$  and  $g = d_X^j[-j-1]$ . We have a distinguished triangle  $X_1^\bullet \xrightarrow{g} X_2^\bullet \rightarrow X^\bullet \rightarrow X_1^\bullet[1]$  in  $K^b(\mathcal{A})$ . By the induction hypothesis, there exist  $\mathcal{C}$ -quasi-isomorphisms  $f_{X_1}: C_{X_1}^\bullet \rightarrow X_1^\bullet$  and  $f_{X_2}: C_{X_2}^\bullet \rightarrow X_2^\bullet$  with  $C_{X_1}^\bullet, C_{X_2}^\bullet \in K^b(\mathcal{C})$ . Then by Remark 2.2(1) and Lemma 2.3,  $f_{X_2}$  induces an isomorphism:

$$\text{Hom}_{K^b(\mathcal{A})}(C_{X_1}^\bullet, C_{X_2}^\bullet) \cong \text{Hom}_{K^b(\mathcal{A})}(C_{X_1}^\bullet, X_2^\bullet).$$

So there exists a morphism  $f^\bullet: C_{X_1}^\bullet \rightarrow C_{X_2}^\bullet$ , which is unique up to homotopy, such that  $f_{X_2} f^\bullet = g f_{X_1}$ . Put  $C_X^\bullet = \text{Con}(f^\bullet)$ . We have the following distinguished triangle in  $K^b(\mathcal{C})$ :

$$C_{X_1}^\bullet \xrightarrow{f^\bullet} C_{X_2}^\bullet \rightarrow C_X^\bullet \rightarrow C_{X_1}^\bullet[1].$$

Then there exists a morphism  $f_X: C_X^\bullet \rightarrow X^\bullet$  such that the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} C_{X_1}^\bullet & \xrightarrow{f^\bullet} & C_{X_2}^\bullet & \longrightarrow & C_X^\bullet & \longrightarrow & C_{X_1}^\bullet[1] \\ \downarrow f_{X_1} & & \downarrow f_{X_2} & & \downarrow f_X & & \downarrow f_{X_1}[1] \\ X_1^\bullet & \xrightarrow{g} & X_2^\bullet & \longrightarrow & X^\bullet & \longrightarrow & X_1^\bullet[1]. \end{array}$$

For any  $C \in \mathcal{C}$  and any  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , we have the following commutative diagram with exact rows:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} (C, C_{X_1}^\bullet[n]) & \longrightarrow & (C, C_{X_2}^\bullet[n]) & \longrightarrow & (C, C_X^\bullet[n]) & \longrightarrow & (C, C_{X_1}^\bullet[n+1]) & \longrightarrow & (C, C_{X_2}^\bullet[n+1]) \\ \downarrow (C, f_{X_1}[n]) & & \downarrow (C, f_{X_2}[n]) & & \downarrow (C, f_X[n]) & & \downarrow (C, f_{X_1}[n+1]) & & \downarrow (C, f_{X_2}[n+1]) \\ (C, X_1^\bullet[n]) & \longrightarrow & (C, X_2^\bullet[n]) & \longrightarrow & (C, X^\bullet[n]) & \longrightarrow & (C, X_1^\bullet[n+1]) & \longrightarrow & (C, X_2^\bullet[n+1]), \end{array}$$

where  $(C, -)$  denotes the functor  $\text{Hom}_{K(\mathcal{A})}(C, -)$ . Since  $f_{X_1}$  and  $f_{X_2}$  are  $\mathcal{C}$ -quasi-isomorphisms,  $(C, f_{X_1}[n])$  and  $(C, f_{X_2}[n])$  are isomorphisms, and hence so is  $(C, f_X[n])$  for each  $n$ , that is,  $f_X$  is a  $\mathcal{C}$ -quasi-isomorphism. The claim is proved.

It follows from the claim that every object  $X^\bullet$  in  $D_{\mathcal{C}}^b(\mathcal{A})$  is isomorphic to some  $C_X^\bullet$  of  $K^b(\mathcal{C})$  in  $D_{\mathcal{C}}^b(\mathcal{A})$ . Thus  $D_{\mathcal{C}\text{-}sg}(\mathcal{A}) = 0$ .  $\square$

As an application of Proposition 4.3, we have the following

**Corollary 4.4.** (1)  $\mathcal{C}\mathcal{C}\text{-dim } M < \infty$  for any  $M \in \mathcal{A}$  if and only if  $D_{\mathcal{C}\text{-}sg}(\mathcal{A}) = 0$ .  
(2) If  $A$  is of finite representation type, then  $\mathcal{C}\mathcal{C}\text{-dim } \mathcal{A} < \infty$  if and only if  $D_{\mathcal{C}\text{-}sg}(\mathcal{A}) = 0$ .

*Proof.* In both assertions, the necessity follows from Proposition 4.3. In the following, we only need to prove the sufficiency.

(1) Let  $D_{\mathcal{C}\text{-}sg}(\mathcal{A}) = 0$  and  $M \in \mathcal{A}$ . Then  $M = 0$  in  $D_{\mathcal{C}\text{-}sg}(\mathcal{A})$  and  $M$  is isomorphic to  $C^\bullet$  in  $D_{\mathcal{C}}^b(\mathcal{A})$  for some  $C^\bullet \in K^b(\mathcal{C})$ . We use the equivalent class of right fractions to denote a morphism in  $D_{\mathcal{C}}^b(\mathcal{A})$ . Let  $f/s: C^\bullet \xleftarrow{s} Z^\bullet \xrightarrow{f} M$  be an isomorphism in  $D_{\mathcal{C}}^b(\mathcal{A})$ , where  $s$  is a  $\mathcal{C}$ -quasi-isomorphism. Then  $f$  is a  $\mathcal{C}$ -quasi-isomorphism. By Lemma 2.4(1), there exists a  $\mathcal{C}$ -quasi-isomorphism  $s': C^\bullet \rightarrow Z^\bullet$ . So  $fs': C^\bullet \rightarrow M$  is also a  $\mathcal{C}$ -quasi-isomorphism and hence

$H^i \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(C, C^\bullet) = 0$  whenever  $C \in \mathcal{C}$  and  $i \neq 0$ . Consider the truncation:

$$C'^\bullet := \cdots \rightarrow C^{-2} \rightarrow C^{-1} \rightarrow \text{Ker } d_C^0 \rightarrow 0$$

of  $C^\bullet$ . Then the composition  $C'^\bullet \hookrightarrow C^\bullet \xrightarrow{f_{s'}} M$  is a  $\mathcal{C}$ -quasi-isomorphism. Notice that  $C^\bullet \in K^b(\mathcal{C})$ , we may suppose  $C^n \neq 0$  and  $C^i = 0$  whenever  $i > n$ . Then we have a  $\mathcal{C}$ -acyclic complex  $0 \rightarrow \text{Ker } d_C^0 \rightarrow C^0 \xrightarrow{d_C^0} C^1 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow C^n \rightarrow 0$  with all  $C^i$  in  $\mathcal{C}$ . Because  $\mathcal{C}$  is closed under direct summands,  $\text{Ker } d_C^0 \in \mathcal{C}$  and  $\mathcal{CC}\text{-dim } M < \infty$ .

(2) Let  $A$  be of finite representation type, and let  $\{M_i \mid 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  be the set of all non-isomorphic indecomposable modules in  $\mathcal{A}$ . By (1)  $\mathcal{CC}\text{-dim } M_i < \infty$  for any  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . Now set  $m = \sup\{\mathcal{CC}\text{-dim } M_i \mid 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ . Since  $\mathcal{A}$  is Krull-Schmidt, every module  $M \in \mathcal{A}$  can be decomposed into a finite direct sum of modules in  $\{M_i \mid 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ . Then it is easy to see that  $\mathcal{CC}\text{-dim } M \leq m$  and  $\mathcal{CC}\text{-dim } \mathcal{A} \leq m < \infty$ .  $\square$

As a consequence of Corollary 4.4(1), we have the following

**Corollary 4.5.** *If  $A$  is Gorenstein, then  $D_{\mathcal{G}(A)\text{-sg}}(\mathcal{A}) = 0$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $A$  be Gorenstein. Because  $A\text{-proj} \subseteq \mathcal{G}(A)$ , we have that  $\mathcal{G}(A)$  is admissible in  $A\text{-mod}$  by [EJ2, Remark 11.5.2]. By [Hos, Theorem], we have  $\mathcal{G}(A)\text{-dim } M < \infty$  for any  $M \in \mathcal{A}$ . So  $D_{\mathcal{G}(A)\text{-sg}}(\mathcal{A}) = 0$  by [AvM, Proposition 4.8] and Corollary 4.4(1).  $\square$

Put  $\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{C}) = \{M \cong \text{Im}(C^{-1} \rightarrow C^0) \mid \text{there exists an acyclic complex } \cdots \rightarrow C^{-1} \rightarrow C^0 \rightarrow C^1 \rightarrow \cdots \text{ in } \mathcal{C}, \text{ which is both } \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathcal{C}, -)\text{-exact and } \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(-, \mathcal{C})\text{-exact}\}$ , see [SSW], where it is called the *Gorenstein category* of  $\mathcal{C}$ . This notion unifies the following ones: modules of Gorenstein dimension zero ([AuB]), Gorenstein projective modules, Gorenstein injective modules ([EJ1]),  $V$ -Gorenstein projective modules,  $V$ -Gorenstein injective modules ([EJL]), and so on. Set  $\mathcal{G}^1(\mathcal{C}) = \mathcal{G}(\mathcal{C})$  and inductively set  $\mathcal{G}^n(\mathcal{C}) = \mathcal{G}(\mathcal{G}^{n-1}(\mathcal{C}))$  for any  $n \geq 2$ . It was shown in [SSW] that  $\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{C})$  possesses many nice properties when  $\mathcal{C}$  is self-orthogonal. For example, in this case,  $\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{C})$  is closed under extensions and  $\mathcal{C}$  is a projective generator and an injective cogenerator for  $\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{C})$ , which induce that  $\mathcal{G}^n(\mathcal{C}) = \mathcal{G}(\mathcal{C})$  for any  $n \geq 1$ , see [SSW] for more details. Later on, Huang generalized this result to an arbitrary full and additive subcategory  $\mathcal{C}$  of  $\mathcal{A}$ , see [Hu].

Denote by  $\varepsilon$  the class of all  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathcal{C}, -)$ -exact complexes of the form:  $0 \rightarrow L \xrightarrow{i} M \xrightarrow{p} N \rightarrow 0$  with  $L, M, N \in \mathcal{G}(\mathcal{C})$ . We have the following fact.

**Proposition 4.6.**  *$(\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{C}), \varepsilon)$  is an exact category.*

*Proof.* We will prove that all the axioms in Definition 2.6 are satisfied. It is trivial that the axiom [E0] is satisfied. In the following, we prove that the other axioms are satisfied.

For [E1<sup>op</sup>], let  $f : G_1 \rightarrow G_2$  and  $g : G_2 \rightarrow G_3$  be admissible epics in  $\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{C})$ . Then it is easy to see that  $gf$  is also an admissible epic. By Lemma 3.7(3), the following  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathcal{C}, -)$ -exact sequence:

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Ker } gf \rightarrow G_1 \xrightarrow{gf} G_3 \rightarrow 0$$

is also  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(-, \mathcal{C})$ -exact. It follows from [Hu, Proposition 4.7] that  $\text{Ker } gf \in \mathcal{G}(\mathcal{C})$ .

For [E2<sup>op</sup>], let  $f : G_2 \rightarrow G_3$  be an admissible epic in  $\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{C})$  and  $g : G'_2 \rightarrow G_3$  an arbitrary morphism in  $\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{C})$ . We have the following pull-back diagram with the second row in  $\varepsilon$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & G_1 & \xrightarrow{h'} & X & \xrightarrow{f'} & G'_2 \longrightarrow 0 \\ & & \parallel & & \downarrow g' & & \downarrow g \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & G_1 & \xrightarrow{h} & G_2 & \xrightarrow{f} & G_3 \longrightarrow 0. \end{array}$$

For any  $C \in \mathcal{C}$  and any morphism  $\varphi : C \rightarrow G'_2$ , there exists a morphism  $\phi : C \rightarrow G_2$  such that  $g\varphi = f\phi$ . Notice that the right square is a pull-back diagram, so there exists a morphism  $\phi' : C \rightarrow X$  such that  $\varphi = f'\phi'$  and hence the exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow G_1 \xrightarrow{h'} X \xrightarrow{f'} G'_2 \rightarrow 0$  is  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathcal{C}, -)$ -exact. It follows from Lemma 3.7(3) that this sequence is also  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(-, \mathcal{C})$ -exact. By [Hu, Proposition 4.7],  $X \in \mathcal{G}(\mathcal{C})$ , which implies that  $0 \rightarrow G_1 \xrightarrow{h'} X \xrightarrow{f'} G'_2 \rightarrow 0$  lies in  $\varepsilon$ .

For [E2], let  $f : G_1 \rightarrow G_2$  be an admissible monic in  $\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{C})$  and  $g : G_1 \rightarrow G'_2$  an arbitrary morphism in  $\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{C})$ . We have the following push-out diagram with the first row in  $\varepsilon$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & G_1 & \xrightarrow{f} & G_2 & \xrightarrow{h} & G_3 \longrightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow g & & \downarrow g' & & \parallel \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & G'_2 & \xrightarrow{f'} & D & \xrightarrow{h'} & G_3 \longrightarrow 0. \end{array}$$

For any  $C \in \mathcal{C}$  and any morphism  $\varphi : C \rightarrow G_3$ , there exists a morphism  $\phi : C \rightarrow G_2$  such that  $\varphi = h\phi = h'g'\phi$ . So the exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow G'_2 \xrightarrow{f'} D \xrightarrow{h'} G_3 \rightarrow 0$  is  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathcal{C}, -)$ -exact. It follows from Lemma 3.7(3) that this sequence is also  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(-, \mathcal{C})$ -exact. By [Hu, Proposition 4.7],  $D \in \mathcal{G}(\mathcal{C})$ , which implies that  $0 \rightarrow G'_2 \xrightarrow{f'} D \xrightarrow{h'} G_3 \rightarrow 0$  lies in  $\varepsilon$ .

Now let  $0 \rightarrow G_0 \xrightarrow{i} G_1 \rightarrow G_2 \rightarrow 0$  and  $0 \rightarrow G_1 \xrightarrow{j} G'_1 \rightarrow G'_2 \rightarrow 0$  lie in  $\varepsilon$ . We have the following push-out diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & & & & 0 & & 0 \\ & & & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & G_0 & \xrightarrow{i} & G_1 & \longrightarrow & G_2 \longrightarrow 0 \\ & & \parallel & & \downarrow j & & \downarrow \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & G_0 & \xrightarrow{ji} & G'_1 & \longrightarrow & G'_2 \longrightarrow 0 \\ & & & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ & & & & G''_1 & = & G''_1 \\ & & & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ & & & & 0 & & 0. \end{array}$$

By [E2], the rightmost column lies in  $\varepsilon$ . For any  $C \in \mathcal{C}$ , applying the functor  $(C, -) := \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(C, -)$

to the commutative diagram we get the following commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
& & & 0 & & 0 & \\
& & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & \\
0 & \longrightarrow & (C, G_0) & \xrightarrow{(C, i)} & (C, G_1) & \longrightarrow & (C, G_2) \longrightarrow 0 \\
& & \parallel & & \downarrow (C, j) & & \downarrow \\
0 & \longrightarrow & (C, G_0) & \xrightarrow{(C, ji)} & (C, G'_1) & \longrightarrow & (C, G'_2) \\
& & & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
& & & & (C, G''_1) & = & (C, G''_1) \\
& & & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
& & & & 0 & & 0.
\end{array}$$

By the snake lemma, the morphism  $(C, G'_1) \rightarrow (C, G'_2)$  is epic. Then  $0 \rightarrow G_0 \xrightarrow{ji} G'_1 \rightarrow G'_2 \rightarrow 0$  lies in  $\varepsilon$ , and [E1] follows.  $\square$

By Proposition 4.6, we have the following

**Corollary 4.7.**  $(\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{C}), \varepsilon)$  is a Frobenius category, that is,  $(\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{C}), \varepsilon)$  has enough projective objects and enough injective objects such that the projective objects coincide with the injective objects.

*Proof.* Because  $\mathcal{C}$  is the class of (relative) projective-injective objects in  $\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{C})$ , the assertion follows from Proposition 4.6.  $\square$

For  $M, N \in \mathcal{A}$ , let  $\mathcal{C}(M, N)$  denote the subspace of  $A$ -maps from  $M$  to  $N$  factoring through  $\mathcal{C}$ . Put  ${}^{\perp \mathcal{C}} \mathcal{C} = \{M \in \mathcal{A} \mid \text{Ext}_{\mathcal{C}}^i(M, C) = 0 \text{ for any } C \in \mathcal{C} \text{ and } i \geq 1\}$ . By definition, it is clear that  $\mathcal{C} \subseteq \mathcal{G}(\mathcal{C}) \subseteq {}^{\perp \mathcal{C}} \mathcal{C}$ .

**Lemma 4.8.** For any  $M \in {}^{\perp \mathcal{C}} \mathcal{C}$  and  $N \in \mathcal{A}$ , we have a canonical isomorphism of abelian groups:

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(M, N) / \mathcal{C}(M, N) \cong \text{Hom}_{D_{\mathcal{C}\text{-}sg}(\mathcal{A})}(M, N).$$

*Proof.* In the following, a morphism from  $M$  to  $N$  in  $D_{\mathcal{C}\text{-}sg}(\mathcal{A})$  is denoted by the equivalent class of left fractions  $s \backslash a : M \xrightarrow{a} Z^\bullet \xleftarrow{s} N$ , where  $Z^\bullet \in D_{\mathcal{C}}^b(\mathcal{A})$  and  $\text{Con}(s) \in K^b(\mathcal{C})$ . We have a distinguished triangle in  $D_{\mathcal{C}}^b(\mathcal{A})$ :

$$N \xrightarrow{s} Z^\bullet \rightarrow \text{Con}(s) \rightarrow N[1]. \quad (1)$$

Consider the canonical map  $G : \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(M, N) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{D_{\mathcal{C}\text{-}sg}(\mathcal{A})}(M, N)$  defined by  $G(f) = \text{id}_N \backslash f$ . We first prove that  $G$  is surjective. For any  $N \in \mathcal{A}$ , we have the following left  $\mathcal{C}$ -resolution of  $N$ :

$$\dots \rightarrow C^{-n} \xrightarrow{d_C^{-n}} C^{-n+1} \rightarrow \dots \xrightarrow{d_C^{-1}} C^0 \xrightarrow{d_C^0} N \rightarrow 0.$$

Then in  $D_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathcal{A})$ ,  $N$  is isomorphic to the complex  $C^\bullet := \dots \rightarrow C^{-n} \xrightarrow{d_C^{-n}} C^{-n+1} \rightarrow \dots \xrightarrow{d_C^{-1}} C^0 \rightarrow 0$ , and so is isomorphic to the complex  $0 \rightarrow \text{Ker } d_C^{-l} \rightarrow C^{-l} \xrightarrow{d_C^{-l}} C^{-l+1} \rightarrow \dots \xrightarrow{d_C^{-1}} C^0 \rightarrow 0$  for any  $l \geq 0$ . Hence we have a distinguished triangle in  $D_{\mathcal{C}}^b(\mathcal{A})$ :

$$\text{Ker } d_C^{-l}[l] \rightarrow \sigma^{\geq -l} C^\bullet \xrightarrow{d_C^0} N \xrightarrow{s'} \text{Ker } d_C^{-l}[l+1], \quad (2)$$

where  $\text{Con}(s') \in K^b(\mathcal{C})$ . Since  $\text{Con}(s) \in K^b(\mathcal{C})$ , it follows from Proposition 3.3 that there exists  $l_0 \gg 0$  such that for any  $l \geq l_0$ , we have

$$\text{Hom}_{D_{\mathcal{C}}^b(\mathcal{A})}(\text{Con}(s), \text{Ker } d_C^{-l}[l+1]) = 0.$$

Take  $l = l_0$  in (2). On one hand, applying the functor  $\text{Hom}_{D_{\mathcal{C}}^b(\mathcal{A})}(-, \text{Ker } d_C^{-l_0}[l_0+1])$  to (1) we get  $h : Z^\bullet \rightarrow \text{Ker } d_C^{-l_0}[l_0+1]$  such that  $s' = hs$ . So we have  $s \setminus a = s' \setminus (ha)$ . On the other hand, applying  $\text{Hom}_{D_{\mathcal{C}}^b(\mathcal{A})}(M, -) := (M, -)$  to (2) we get an exact sequence

$$(M, N) \xrightarrow{(M, s')} (M, \text{Ker } d_C^{-l_0}[l_0+1]) \rightarrow (M, (\sigma^{\geq -l_0} C^\bullet)[1]).$$

Since  $M \in {}^{\perp_{\mathcal{C}}} \mathcal{C}$ , by using induction on  $\omega(\sigma^{\geq -l_0} C^\bullet)$  we have  $(M, (\sigma^{\geq -l_0} C^\bullet)[1]) = 0$ , and hence there exists  $f : M \rightarrow N$  such that  $ha = s'f$ . Therefore we have  $s \setminus a = s' \setminus (ha) = s' \setminus (s'f) = \text{id}_N \setminus f$ , that is,  $G$  is surjective.

Next, if  $f : M \rightarrow N$  satisfies  $G(f) = \text{id}_N \setminus f = 0$  in  $D_{\mathcal{C}-sg}(\mathcal{A})$ , then there exists  $s : N \rightarrow Z^\bullet$  with  $\text{Con}(s) \in K^b(\mathcal{C})$  such that  $sf = 0$  in  $D_{\mathcal{C}}^b(\mathcal{A})$ . Use the same notations as in (1) and (2), by the above argument we have  $s' = hs$ , so  $s'f = 0$ . Applying  $\text{Hom}_{D_{\mathcal{C}}^b(\mathcal{A})}(M, -)$  to (2) we get that there exists  $f' : M \rightarrow \sigma^{\geq -l_0} C^\bullet$  such that  $f = d_C^0 f'$ .

Put  $\sigma^{< 0}(\sigma^{\geq -l_0} C^\bullet) := 0 \rightarrow C^{-l_0} \rightarrow C^{-l_0+1} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow C^{-1} \rightarrow 0$ . We have the following distinguished triangle:

$$(\sigma^{< 0}(\sigma^{\geq -l_0} C^\bullet))[-1] \longrightarrow C^0 \xrightarrow{\pi} \sigma^{\geq -l_0} C^\bullet \rightarrow \sigma^{< 0}(\sigma^{\geq -l_0} C^\bullet)$$

in  $D_{\mathcal{C}}^b(\mathcal{A})$ , where  $\pi$  is the canonical map. By applying the functor  $\text{Hom}_{D_{\mathcal{C}}^b(\mathcal{A})}(M, -)$  to this triangle, it follows from  $M \in {}^{\perp_{\mathcal{C}}} \mathcal{C}$  that  $\text{Hom}_{D_{\mathcal{C}}^b(\mathcal{A})}(M, \sigma^{< 0}(\sigma^{\geq -l_0} C^\bullet)) = 0$ , and hence there exists  $g : M \rightarrow C^0$  such that  $f' = \pi g$ . So  $f = d_C^0 \pi g$  in  $D_{\mathcal{C}}^b(\mathcal{A})$ . By Proposition 3.3(3),  $\mathcal{A}$  is a full subcategory of  $D_{\mathcal{C}}^b(\mathcal{A})$ . So  $f$  factors through  $C^0$  in  $\mathcal{A}$ , and hence  $\text{Ker } G \subseteq \mathcal{C}(M, N)$ . Since  $\mathcal{C}(M, N) \subseteq \text{Ker } G$  trivially,  $\text{Ker } G = \mathcal{C}(M, N)$ , which means that  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(M, N)/\mathcal{C}(M, N) \cong \text{Hom}_{D_{\mathcal{C}-sg}(\mathcal{A})}(M, N)$ .  $\square$

Let  $\theta : \mathcal{G}(\mathcal{C}) \rightarrow D_{\mathcal{C}-sg}(\mathcal{A})$  be the composition of the following three functors: the embedding functors  $\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{C}) \hookrightarrow \mathcal{A}$ ,  $\mathcal{A} \hookrightarrow D_{\mathcal{C}}^b(\mathcal{A})$  and the localization functor  $D_{\mathcal{C}}^b(\mathcal{A}) \rightarrow D_{\mathcal{C}-sg}(\mathcal{A})$ , and let  $\underline{\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{C})}$  denote the stable category of  $\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{C})$ .

**Proposition 4.9.**  $\theta$  induces a fully faithful functor  $\theta' : \underline{\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{C})} \rightarrow D_{\mathcal{C}-sg}(\mathcal{A})$ .

*Proof.* Since  $\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{C}) \subseteq {}^{\perp_{\mathcal{C}}} \mathcal{C}$ , the assertion follows from Lemma 4.8.  $\square$

Recall from [C2] that a  $\partial$ -functor is an additive functor  $F$  from an exact category  $(\mathcal{B}, \varepsilon)$  to a triangulated category  $\mathcal{C}$  satisfying that for any short exact sequence  $L \xrightarrow{i} M \xrightarrow{p} N$  in  $\varepsilon$ , there exists

a morphism  $\omega_{(i,p)} : F(N) \rightarrow F(L)[1]$  such that the triangle

$$F(L) \xrightarrow{F(i)} F(M) \xrightarrow{F(p)} F(N) \xrightarrow{\omega_{(i,p)}} F(L)[1]$$

in  $\mathcal{C}$  is distinguished; moreover, the morphism  $\omega_{(i,p)}$  are “functorial” in the sense that any morphism between two short exact sequences in  $\varepsilon$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} L & \xrightarrow{i} & M & \xrightarrow{p} & N \\ \downarrow f & & \downarrow g & & \downarrow h \\ L' & \xrightarrow{i'} & M' & \xrightarrow{p'} & N', \end{array}$$

the following is a morphism of triangles:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} F(L) & \xrightarrow{F(i)} & F(M) & \xrightarrow{F(p)} & F(N) & \xrightarrow{\omega_{(i,p)}} & F(L)[1] \\ \downarrow F(f) & & \downarrow F(g) & & \downarrow F(h) & & \downarrow F(f)[1] \\ F(L') & \xrightarrow{F(i')} & F(M') & \xrightarrow{F(p')} & F(N') & \xrightarrow{\omega_{(i',p')}} & F(L')[1]. \end{array}$$

By [H1, Chapter I, Theorem 2.6] and Corollary 4.7,  $\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{C})$  and  $D_{\mathcal{C}\text{-}sg}(\mathcal{A})$  are triangulated categories. Moreover, we have

**Proposition 4.10.** *The functor  $\theta'$  in Proposition 4.9 is a triangle functor.*

*Proof.* We first claim that  $\theta$  is a  $\partial$ -functor. In fact, let  $0 \rightarrow L \xrightarrow{f} M \xrightarrow{g} N \rightarrow 0$  be a  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathcal{C}, -)$ -exact complex with all terms in  $\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{C})$ . Then it induces a distinguished triangle in  $D_{\mathcal{C}\text{-}sg}(\mathcal{A})$ , saying  $\theta(L) \xrightarrow{\theta(f)} \theta(M) \xrightarrow{\theta(g)} \theta(N) \xrightarrow{\omega_{(f,g)}} \theta(L)[1]$ . It is clear that  $\omega_{(f,g)}$  is “functorial”. This shows that  $\theta$  is a  $\partial$ -functor.

Note that every object in  $\mathcal{C}$  is zero in  $D_{\mathcal{C}\text{-}sg}(\mathcal{A})$ . So  $\theta$  vanishes on the projective-injective objects in  $\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{C})$ . It follows from [C2, Lemma 2.5] that the induced functor  $\theta'$  is a triangle functor.  $\square$

By Propositions 4.9 and 4.10 the natural triangle functor  $\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{C}) \rightarrow D_{\mathcal{C}\text{-}sg}(\mathcal{A})$  is fully faithful. It is of interest to make sense when it is essentially surjective (or dense). We have the following

**Theorem 4.11.** *If  $\mathcal{C}\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{C})\text{-dim } \mathcal{A} < \infty$ , then the natural functor  $\theta : \mathcal{G}(\mathcal{C}) \rightarrow D_{\mathcal{C}\text{-}sg}(\mathcal{A})$  is essentially surjective (or dense).*

*Proof.* Let  $X^\bullet \in D_{\mathcal{C}}^b(\mathcal{A})$ . By Proposition 3.4, there exists  $C_0^\bullet = (C_0^i, d_{C_0}^i) \in K^{-, \mathcal{C}^b}(\mathcal{C})$  such that  $X^\bullet \cong C_0^\bullet$  in  $D_{\mathcal{C}}^b(\mathcal{A})$ . So there exists  $n_0 \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $H^i(\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathcal{C}, C_0^\bullet)) = 0$  for any  $i \leq n_0$ . Let  $K^i = \text{Ker } d_{C_0}^i$ . Then  $C_0^\bullet$  is isomorphic to the complex:

$$0 \rightarrow K^i \rightarrow C_0^i \xrightarrow{d_{C_0}^i} C_0^{i+1} \xrightarrow{d_{C_0}^{i+1}} C_0^{i+2} \rightarrow \dots$$

in  $D_{\mathcal{C}}^b(\mathcal{A})$  for any  $i \leq n_0$ . It induces a distinguished triangle in  $D_{\mathcal{C}}^b(\mathcal{A})$ , hence a distinguished triangle in  $D_{\mathcal{C}\text{-}sg}(\mathcal{A})$  of the following form:

$$K^i[-i] \rightarrow \sigma^{\geq i} C_0^\bullet \rightarrow C_0^\bullet \rightarrow K^i[-i+1].$$

Since  $\sigma^{\geq i} C_0^\bullet \in K^b(\mathcal{C})$ ,  $C_0^\bullet \cong K^i[-i+1]$  in  $D_{\mathcal{C}\text{-}sg}(\mathcal{A})$ . Take  $l_0 = i$  and  $Y = K^i$ . Then  $C_0^\bullet \cong Y[-l_0+1]$  in  $D_{\mathcal{C}\text{-}sg}(\mathcal{A})$ . By assumption we may assume that  $\mathcal{C}\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{C})\text{-dim } Y = m_0 < \infty$ . Let  $C_1^\bullet \rightarrow Y$  be the left  $\mathcal{C}$ -resolution of  $Y$ . We claim that for any  $n \leq -m_0 + 1$ ,  $\text{Ker } d_{C_1}^n \in \mathcal{G}(\mathcal{C})$ , where  $d_{C_1}^n$  is the  $n$ th differential of  $C_1^\bullet$ .

We have a  $\mathcal{C}$ -acyclic complex:

$$0 \rightarrow G^{-m_0} \rightarrow G^{-m_0+1} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow G^{-1} \rightarrow G^0 \rightarrow Y \rightarrow 0$$

with  $G^j \in \mathcal{G}(\mathcal{C})$  for any  $-m_0 \leq j \leq 0$ . Let  $G^\bullet$  be the complex  $0 \rightarrow G^{-m_0} \rightarrow G^{-m_0+1} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow G^{-1} \rightarrow G^0 \rightarrow 0$ . By Lemma 2.3, there exists a  $\mathcal{C}$ -quasi-isomorphism  $C_1^\bullet \rightarrow G^\bullet$  lying over  $\text{id}_Y$ , and hence its mapping cone is  $\mathcal{C}$ -acyclic. So for any  $n \leq -m_0 + 1$ , we get the following  $\mathcal{C}$ -acyclic complex:

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Ker } d_{C_1}^n \rightarrow C_1^n \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow C_1^{-m_0} \rightarrow C_1^{-m_0+1} \oplus G^{-m_0} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow C_1^0 \oplus G^{-1} \rightarrow G^0 \rightarrow 0.$$

Note that this complex is acyclic because  $\mathcal{C}$  is admissible. Put  $K = \text{Ker}(C_1^0 \oplus G^{-1} \rightarrow G^0)$ , we get a  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathcal{C}, -)$ -exact exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow K \rightarrow C_1^0 \oplus G^{-1} \rightarrow G^0 \rightarrow 0$ . By Lemma 3.7(3), we get an exact sequence:

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(G^0, C) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(C_1^0 \oplus G^{-1}, C) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(K, C) \rightarrow \text{Ext}_{\mathcal{C}}^1(G^0, C)$$

for any  $C \in \mathcal{C}$ . Since  $G^0 \in \mathcal{G}(\mathcal{C})$ ,  $\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{C}}^1(G^0, C) = 0$  and so the exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow K \rightarrow C_1^0 \oplus G^{-1} \rightarrow G^0 \rightarrow 0$  is  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(-, \mathcal{C})$ -exact. Because both  $C_1^0 \oplus G^{-1}$  and  $G^0$  are in  $\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{C})$ ,  $K \in \mathcal{G}(\mathcal{C})$  by [Hu, Proposition 4.7]. Iterating this process, we get that  $\text{Ker } d_{C_1}^n \in \mathcal{G}(\mathcal{C})$  for any  $n \leq -m_0 + 1$ . The claim is proved.

Choose a left  $\mathcal{C}$ -resolution  $C_1^\bullet$  of  $Y$  and put  $X = \text{Ker } d_{C_1}^{-m_0+1}$ . By the above claim we have a  $\mathcal{C}$ -acyclic complex:

$$0 \rightarrow X \rightarrow C_1^{-m_0+1} \rightarrow C_1^{-m_0+2} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow C_1^0 \rightarrow Y \rightarrow 0$$

with  $X \in \mathcal{G}(\mathcal{C})$ . Then  $Y \cong X[m_0]$  in  $D_{\mathcal{C}\text{-}sg}(\mathcal{A})$  and  $X^\bullet \cong C_0^\bullet \cong Y[-l_0+1] \cong X[m_0-l_0+1]$  in  $D_{\mathcal{C}\text{-}sg}(\mathcal{A})$ . We may assume that  $X^\bullet \cong C_0^\bullet \cong X[r_0]$  in  $D_{\mathcal{C}\text{-}sg}(\mathcal{A})$  for  $r_0 > 0$ . Because  $X \in \mathcal{G}(\mathcal{C})$ , we get a  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathcal{C}, -)$ -exact exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow X \rightarrow C^0 \rightarrow C^1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow C^{r_0-1} \rightarrow X' \rightarrow 0$  with  $X' \in \mathcal{G}(\mathcal{C})$  and  $C^i \in \mathcal{C}$  for any  $0 \leq i \leq r_0 - 1$ . It follows that  $X \cong X'[-r_0]$  and  $X^\bullet \cong C_0^\bullet \cong X[r_0] \cong X'$  in  $D_{\mathcal{C}\text{-}sg}(\mathcal{A})$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

The following is the main result of this paper.

**Theorem 4.12.** *If  $\mathcal{C}\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{C})\text{-dim } \mathcal{A} < \infty$ , then the natural functor  $\theta : \mathcal{G}(\mathcal{C}) \rightarrow D_{\mathcal{C}\text{-}sg}(\mathcal{A})$  induces a triangle-equivalence  $\theta' : \underline{\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{C})} \rightarrow D_{\mathcal{C}\text{-}sg}(\mathcal{A})$ .*

*Proof.* It follows directly from Propositions 4.9, 4.10 and Theorem 4.11.  $\square$

The following result is the dual version of Happel's result, see [H2, Theorem 4.6].

**Corollary 4.13.** *If  $A$  is Gorenstein, then the canonical functor  $\mathcal{G}(A) \rightarrow D_{sg}(A)$  induces a triangle-equivalence  $\underline{\mathcal{G}(A)} \rightarrow D_{sg}(A)$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $A$  be Gorenstein and  $\mathcal{C} = A\text{-proj}$ . Then  $\mathcal{CG}(\mathcal{C})\text{-dim } \mathcal{A} < \infty$  by [Hos, Theorem]. Now the assertion is an immediate consequence of Theorem 4.12.  $\square$

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